

REMARKS

The Office Action in the above-identified application has been carefully considered and this amendment has been presented to place this application in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, reexamination and reconsideration of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24 and 25 are in the present application. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Changes to the claims as presented herein, are not submitted for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. sections 101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes are submitted simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled. Claims 24 and 25 are added.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Aoyama et al. (U.S. Patent 5,364,270) in view of Loughheed et al. (U.S. Patent 5,686,690). However, in the present invention, “the motion control signal [is] generated to represent both actual stimulus and simulated stimulus to an object; the simulated stimulus including at least components corresponding to centrifugal force, inertial force, and yaw.” (Claims 1, 10, and 17) This allows the present invention to drive an object “in a manner that imparts both actual and simulated stimulus to the object.” (Claims 1, 10, and 17) Aoyama discloses moving and tilting a “capsule in the front, back, left, right, up and down directions within a predetermined range.” (Column 5, lines 65-67) Applicants believe Aoyama’s motion control only imparts motion similar to the present invention’s actual stimulus and that without

further explanation Aoyama cannot be construed as disclosing an equivalent to the present invention's simulated stimulus. As noted by the Examiner, Loughheed's change detection determines the movement of potential targets between frames in order to generate azimuth and elevation control information for targeting. As in Aoyama, this azimuth and elevation motion control is analogous to the present invention's actual stimulus but does not encompass the present invention's simulated stimulus. Furthermore, neither Aoyama nor Loughheed disclose simulating motion "components corresponding to centrifugal force, inertial force, and yaw." Therefore, for at least these reasons, Aoyama and Loughheed fail to obviate the present invention and the rejected claims should now be allowed.

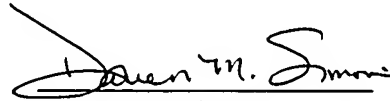
In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application as now presented is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

A fee for two independent claims in excess of three is deemed to be required for the filing of this amendment. No additional fees are anticipated, but if such are required, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

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